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CONTRACT LABOURERS IN DMS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) has engaged a large number of contract labourers for its operation;

(b) if so, the number of contract labourers engaged during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the payment made to contractors alongwith the wages actually paid to contract labourers during the said period;

(d) whether the contract labourers are getting Minimum Wages as prescribed under Minimum Wage Act,1948

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(f) whether the said labourers are getting all the facilities at par with the regular employees of DMS; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to stop the exploitation of contract labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): No, Sir.The Delhi Milk Scheme has informed that it has not engaged any contract labourer during the last four years.However,some of the activities like Packaging of milk in polypacks, washing of crates,transportation of milk and milk products and batch coding of milk pouches etc. have been outsourced on job work basis.

(b) to (g): Any establishment,employing contract labour under the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 has to ensure minimum wages (if the employment is a scheduled one under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948) and other benefits as per the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act,1970.Where reports of violation of the provisions of the Act are received, the office of Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) takes action in the context of the establishments coming under Central Government.For the States, the said Act is implemented by the labour departments of respective State Governments.